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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 13, 2004

Dear Sir:

This response of applicant to the rejection of claims by the examiner in the office action dated August 13, 2004, includes Amendments to the claims as shown in the Appendix, and Remarks beginning on page 2. Applicant seeks a favorable reconsideration of the claims in light of the Remarks which follow.